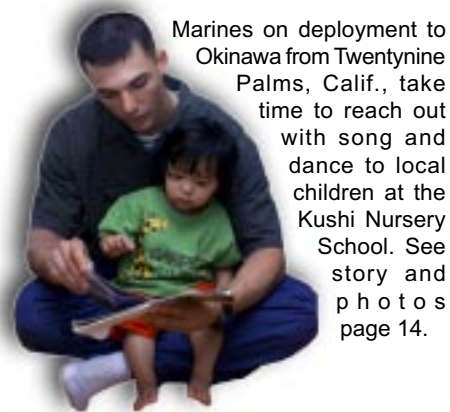


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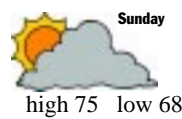
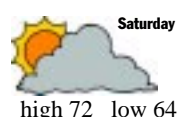
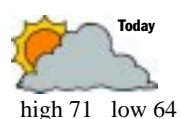
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# Sign for conduct unveiled

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP HANSEN** — Military and community leaders from around Okinawa met to help unveil a new sign here, Monday, to increase Marines' awareness of their responsibilities in the community.

The sign — Preserve our honor with your responsible conduct — is the first of several to be placed at the gates of Marine Corps installations throughout Okinawa. The signs are intended to serve as a reminder to all Marines and Sailors of their responsibilities as good ambassadors and neighbors, said III Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General, LtGen Earl B. Hailston, who attended the ceremony along with Marine Corps Base CG, BGen Willie J. Williams.

"The messages on these signs should serve as a reminder to my Marines and Sailors that when they leave the camp and go into the local communities, they are ambassadors from the United States to Okinawa," LtGen Hailston said in his speech at the ceremony.

The idea for the signs first came from Onna Village Mayor, Hideki Oshiro, during a meeting between Okinawan officials and military leaders.

"We heard Mayor Oshiro's idea, and,



PFC DAMIAN MCGEE

The first of several signs to remind service members of their role as U.S. ambassadors was unveiled Monday during a ceremony at Camp Hansen. The idea for the signs came from Onna Village Mayor Hideki Oshiro, during a meeting between Okinawan officials and military leaders.

recognizing it was a good one, we acted to turn the idea into a reality," LtGen Hailston said.

Okinawan community leaders say they welcome the signs and hope they will make a difference.

"I firmly believe these types of efforts will lead to a better relationship between military personnel and Okinawans," said Japan's Ambassador to Okinawa, Hiroshi Hashimoto. "I hope each military [member] will contribute vigorously to establishing a good relationship with the community by their conduct."

According to LtGen Hailston, the signs symbolize the need for service members assigned in Okinawa to remember that they are guests.

"We owe our hosts a tremendous debt," LtGen Hailston said. "They allow

us to be in their backyards and we should be good ambassadors."

Other signs to be placed on the camps will each have a variety of messages including: Remember, your conduct counts. You are our ambassadors; Once off base, you are U.S. ambassadors.

"I think the signs are needed," said GySgt Daniel King, Company Gunnery Sergeant, Support Company, 9th Engineer Support Battalion. "Every little bit helps. If it brings it to their attention to remind them of their behavior, I think it is a good idea."

"There is a big need to remind the Marines because of where we are," GySgt King said. You can do a lot of good for many months, but one incident can erase that. We are ambassadors and we have to be on our best behavior."

# Units begin deployments for Cobra Gold 2001

## CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**CAMP FOSTER** — The advance teams of approximately 2,000 Marines and Sailors from III Marine Expeditionary Force who will participate in Exercise Cobra Gold 2001 in Thailand left Okinawa April 18.

The U.S. Pacific Command-sponsored exercise will take place from May 15-29. The annual exercise, which is in its 20th year, is designed to enhance the interoperability of the U.S., Thai and Singaporean armed forces.

Training during Cobra Gold will focus on peace enforcement operations

and include the planning and execution of noncombatant evacuation operations, joint combined land and air operations, combined naval operations and special operations.

Marines and Sailors will also participate in humanitarian and civic assistance programs that will improve the general health, welfare and quality of life for civilians within the exercise area.

Marines from 3d Marine Division, 3d Force Service Support Group, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and 7th Communications Battalion will participate with approximately 2,500 Soldiers and 150 Airmen in joint-combined opera-

tions with approximately 5,000 Royal Thai military members and 50 military members from Singapore.

Singaporean forces will participate for the second time. They participated in Cobra Gold for the first time last year after observing several previous Cobra Gold exercises. Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan and the Philippines are expected to send observers this year.

Cobra Gold 2001 is a smaller part of Exercise Team Challenge, a three-part exercise involving Australia, Thailand and the Philippines. Team Challenge is designed to improve readiness, interoperability and security within the Asia Pacific region.

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CPL LIZ HERRERA  
Wearing test versions of the new combat uniform Marines with Co L, 3/8, practice systematic room clearing techniques and skills during a Military Operation and Urban Terrain exercise in the Republic of Korea Marine Expeditionary Camp – Pohang, South Korea.

# Uniform field tests

CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

**CAMP FUJI, Japan** — The Marines of Company L, 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment are wear testing the new Marine Corps combat uniform and the reviews from the individual Marines are mixed.

Most said the new uniform, also known as cammies, is a step in the right direction, but some improvements should be reconsidered.

Sgt Parish J. Harvey, Squad Leader, Co L, 3/8, who has been wearing the type A jungle utilities, says the cammies are an improvement, but still has some concerns about the new product.

"The new uniform is a good product, but it needs more refinement before mass production," Sgt Harvey said. "I almost feel as though the new cammies were rushed and I'm concerned that if we don't isolate some of the problems now, the Marine Corps will run into trouble with the new uniform down the road."

Cpl John M. Araujo, Squad Leader, Weapons Platoon, 3/8, has been wearing the type B desert uniform and is worried about how the cammies stand up in different situations.

"I feel the new cammies are a change for the worse sometimes, when com-

pared to the old style," Cpl Araujo said. "The new improvements are helpful in the field environment; that's where the positive aspects are realized. But in a garrison environment, the new cammies fail to live up to our old standards."

While training in Hokkaido, Japan, for Operation Forest Light 01-2, Co L Marines were visited by representatives from Headquarters Marine Corps. The Marines were surveyed on new cammies. Their feedback could be implemented before mass issuing the new begins.

The two types of new cammies consist of type A and type B cammies. Type A features a more traditional approach to the uniform, and consists of the typical cover, blouse, trouser and boot portions, along with the new, optional boot gaiters.

The gaiters cover the boot and are meant to help protect from any unwanted debris, which can enter the boot during any type of exercise.

Type B is almost identical to type A, except that it offers zippered portions that can be removed at elbow and knee length. This concept can be highly effective during warmer weather, and eliminates the Marines need to roll his sleeves.

## What the Marines liked:

- Good pocket placement allows easier access.
- New Velcro allows easier access into pockets
- Permanent press eliminates the need to iron uniform
- Zippers allow quicker change to weather conditions
- New camouflage patterns allow better concealment
- Subdued rank insignias are more tactical in the field environment
- Boot gaiters help keep debris out of boots

## What the Marines disliked:

- Velcro does not hold as well as old style buttons, and longevity is questionable
- Velcro can be loud during a tactical movement
- New camouflage patterns are not as appealing as old style
- Boot gaiters easily tear, bunch up, are cumbersome and are not waterproof
- Rolled sleeves and bloused boots look better, as opposed to removable sleeves and boot gaiters.

## Funding cuts end Off-Base Utility Receipt Program

LCPL KEITH R. MEIKLE  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Service members living off-base are no longer required to turn in utility receipts.

Japanese government funding decreases brought an end to the Off-Base Utility Receipt Program, which earned the Marine Corps an average of \$700,000 annually in partial reimbursement for gas, electricity and water, according to a recent administrative message.

The Off-Base Utility Receipt Program has been a part of the Japanese government's Cost Sharing Program since 1992.

"The ending of this program will not hurt the Marines or civilian employees," said Jose Perez, Automation Clerk, Finance Office, Marine Corps Base, who was in charge of the Off-Base Utility Receipt Program before it ended. "Their utility bills, cost of living, and living quarters allowance will remain the same."

The program's end will affect the Marine Corps. "The Marine Corps will lose the funds that were cut," said CW05 David G. Fuqua, Finance Officer, Finance Office, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCB. "But the loss of funding will not be felt by the individual Marine or civilian employee."

The Japanese government will continue to partially reimburse the Marine Corps for on-base utilities including gas, water, sewage and electricity services. Only the off-base utility reimbursements will be terminated.

"Marines and civilian employees will still be eligible to receive the five percent tax exemption for electricity," Perez said. "Participants who are charged for taxes on their receipts should contact their housing office to get correct forms and more information."

Civilian employees receiving living quarters allowance are still required to provide receipts to the Civilian Human Resources Office to complete annual audits, according to the administration message.

For more information Marines should contact their administration office, and civilians should contact the CHRO at 645-2475.

## Registration ends Sunday for women's forum

LCPL KEITH R. MEIKLE  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**KADENA AIR BASE** — Time is running out for those who want to sign up for the 3rd Okinawa Joint Women's Forum, but they can still take advantage of the opportunity if they hurry.

The forum, scheduled May 12 at Kadena High School, is a series of workshops held throughout the day to enrich, empower and enlighten women in their roles as mothers, professionals and community members.

The cost is \$10 for E-4s and below and \$15 for all others. Registration forms are available in the Kadena Shogun, and organizers will be at the Kadena and Camp Foster Exchanges from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to register people. Entries can also be taken to one of the spouse's gift shops, but must be submitted by April 29. Payment is due upon registration.

The deadline for home or professional businesses to register for an advertising booth during the forum is May 4. To register a business, contact MSgt Candace Richardson, head of the Outreach Committee for the forum, at 646-5592.

"Everyone with Status of Forces Agreement status is invited," said Yvette Montavon, Chairperson, Okinawa

Joint Women's Forum. "This day is for everyone to share ideas and talents."

Workshop speakers include professionals from all walks of life who will teach everything from investing in the stock market to snorkeling on Okinawa, Japanese Business Etiquette, and important women's health issues. There are more than 80 topics to choose from.

Forum organizers have brought together people with a great deal of experience for the event, including people like Yuki Miyasato and Dr. Caroline Latham.

Miyasato, a local business owner who has been recognized by *Forbes* magazine as an outstanding international businesswoman, will address issues facing businesswomen in Japanese society.

Latham, Chairperson, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Department, and professor at Meio University, will discuss artists of northern Okinawa and give insight to finding artistic treasures Okinawa has to offer.

"I am looking forward to this year's event," Montavon said. "After last year's forum we received several comments that implied they want to see it again. This year will have more classes offered from new people who rotate in with new talents and ideas."

For more information, contact Yvette Montavon at 633-6514.



# Special Olympics

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**KADENA AIR BASE** — *"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."* — The Special Olympics Oath.

The Kadena Community is once again sponsoring this year's Special Olympics, scheduled for June 16 at the McDonald Stadium and Risner Fitness Complex.

The Special Olympics is an international program for special needs children and adults to participate in sporting and cultural events.

This event is expected to include more than 30 participants from U.S. military installations and 800 participants from the neighboring communities.

In addition, there will be more than 1,000 volunteers to include 100 or more interpreters. Based on last year's event we anticipate approximately 7,000 members of the local US and nearby Okinawan municipalities will be involved with the events June 16.

The Special Olympics Committee needs the support of the entire community and everyone is invited to become a volunteer worker, trainer, escort, etc. — or just attend the day and cheer everyone's accomplishments.

The following are fundraising events and volunteer coordinating meetings held on Kadena to assist in

the implementation of this major event. Please come and help support the Special Olympics.

Upcoming fundraisers include:

Today: Lunch and a Movie. The Kadena First Sergeants are sponsoring an afternoon at the Kadena Base theater. Tickets are \$10.00 and include a showing of "Enemy at the Gate," a free popcorn and soda.

April 30: Golf Tournament at the Banyan Tree Golf Course. Shotgun start at 7 a.m. For more information call Capt Jeffery Yocum at 634-2642.

May 5: ROTC Car Wash. Get your car cleaned for the summer days and donate to Special Olympics. Car wash will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kadena Burger King parking lot.

May 19: Rising Sun Running Club 5K fun walk/run. Participants are required to get pledges for their efforts to be donated to Special Olympics. Contact Joe Lovato, 634-3353 or

Joseph.Lovato@kadena.af.mil and/or e-mail contact the Rising Sun Running Club on their website at [www.risingsunRC.org](http://www.risingsunRC.org).

Runners must bring pledge sheet and money the day of the race. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the run starts at 9 a.m. from the Risner Sports Complex.

May 25: Meeting for volunteer interpreters. Meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in the ballroom at the Schilling Community Center.

For more information on any of these fundraisers or the Special Olympics day of events contact Laura Kantor, Publicity Representative, 634-0101 or 938-1111 ext. 634-0101 or e-mail [Laura.Kantor@kadena.af.mil](mailto:Laura.Kantor@kadena.af.mil).



# Okinawa's new Japanese ambassador visits base

LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP KINSER** — The new Japanese Ambassador to Okinawa met with base officials here recently to help strengthen relations between the local community and the U.S. military.

Ambassador Hiroshi Hashimoto with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan met with Col David J. Biow, Camp Commander, and Maj Mark S. Szarmach, Deputy Camp Commander, here to discuss the purpose of the base and ways service members stationed here interact with the local community.

"I would like to know more about Okinawa and the function of Marine Corps bases here," said Ambassador Hashimoto who recently replaced Ambassador Issei Nomura Feb. 20. "I hope that the first impression of Okinawans are that they are friendly people."

During his visit, Ambassador Hashimoto received a command brief that explained the various facilities the U.S. military has here and their purpose.

"We are here to keep many organizations supplied, not just the Marine Corps, but all military bases on Okinawa," said Col Biow to Ambassador Hashimoto during the brief.

The brief also helped the ambassador understand the benefits of having the U.S. military on Okinawa.

"I know now that the U.S. mili-

tary is ready at any time for emergency situations," Ambassador Hashimoto said.

After the briefing, the ambassador asked questions about what Marines and Sailors are doing to improve relations between service members and the local community.

"We have a variety of things we do. We are always looking for ways to reach out to the community," Maj Szarmach said.

The ambassador learned about some of the programs established with the community as well as projects Marines and Sailors are involved with during their tours here.

Some of the recent and ongoing projects include beach cleanups, monthly nursing home visits and English tutoring programs with local schools.

Through the discussion, the ambassador learned how Marines and Sailors are willing to volunteer their time to help anyone they can.

We don't have to push the Marines and Sailors; they want to help, Col Biow said. We just offer them the opportunity to mingle with the community and we always get a great response.

The ambassador left the base with a new appreciation of how service members and the local community come together to form their neighborly friendship.

"I appreciate all the efforts the U.S. military does to develop relations with the local community, which is very important," Ambassador Hashimoto said. "We are moving in the right direction."

- Ambassador Hiroshi Hashimoto

"We are moving in the right direction."

## Students get a Sure Start toward education

CHARLES K. STEITZ  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**OKINAWA, Japan** — The Sure Start Program combines play dough, puzzles, paints, dramatic play props and other activities with a well-qualified teachers and 4-year-olds.

The Sure Start Program is modeled after the successful Head Start Program, which can be found in the United States. The four components of the Sure Start Program which make it unique to other preschool programs are: education, health, social services, and parental involvement. The Sure Start program focuses on the whole child and their family.

The creative curriculum, which is based on developmentally appropriate practices, steers the curriculum and philosophy of what the children will learn and how. Sure Start maintains the belief that parents are a child's first teacher and as a result, parents play an active role in their child's school program through volunteering in the classroom, home visits, and serving on a parent committee.

"A typical day for a Sure Start child is full of play and individual exploration," said Jane Schneider, Early Child Liaison for Department of Defense Dependent Schools, Okinawa "For a 4-

year-old child, their play is their work. Research tells us that children at this age learn best through active engagement, play, and social interactions with their peers."

To be eligible for Sure Start, children must be command sponsored and be 4 years old by Oct. 31 of the current school year. An application for the program is completed by the sponsor and a committee comprised of school personnel and community members select the children for the program.

"It is rewarding to see how much the children learn from each other and from the many learning activities we provide," said Cathleen Castenada, Sure Start Teacher, Zukeran Elementary School.

"I enjoy teaching Sure Start because the program emphasizes that children learn through their environment. Every experience is an opportunity to learn, from setting the table for lunch to building a ramp from blocks," Castenada said.

Applications are available at the Bechtel, Kadena, Kinser, Killin and Zukeran Elementary School offices and Bob Hope Preschool office. Applications should be completed by Aug. 24. Applications received after the start of the school year, will be considered as openings occur in the programs. The first day of classes for Sure Start will be Sept. 17.

### Criteria for selection into the Sure Start program includes but is not limited to the following:

- Family income—Enrollment priority is given to applicants who have a sponsor who is E-4/GS-4 or below
- Child was of low birth weight or has a significant medical history
- Child has a parent whose primary language is not English
- Child has a parent who was a teenager when their first child was born
- Child has a parent who is not a high school graduate
- Child is in a family headed by a single parent
- Child has three or more siblings close in age
- Child has an older sibling with a disability
- Child has a parent on remote assignment and/or living away from the family for extended periods of time

### For further information, call the Sure Start location closest to where you live.

• Bob Hope PS 634-0093 • Bechtel ES 622-4504  
• Kadena ES 634-1550 • Kinser ES 637-3008 • Killin ES 645-7760 • Zukeran ES 645-2576



# Skaters compete in contest to name parks

LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP KINSER** — The skateboarders, rollerbladers, and bikers who use the half-pipes, ramps and grind rails at the skate park here are being asked to find a name for their park.

Officials at Marine Corps Community Services and the Boys and Girls Club are giving children the opportunity to win prizes for coming up with the best name for the skate park here and two others to be built this summer on Camps Foster and Courtney.

The name contest is open to all Department of Defense identification cardholders and their family members ages 5-18. The winners will be announced June 8 at the Boys and Girls Club on Foster and winners do not need to be present to win.

The contest will be limited to 4,000 entries and will be judged by MCCS officials. Prizes include a Sony Playstation-2 for first place, a scooter for second and a Game Boy for third. Winners who are Boys and Girls Club members will receive a \$100 bonus for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Entries are limited to one per person. Parents may help their children with entries.

"The children are the ones who use it, so it is only appropriate to have them name it," said Silia Griffin, Assistant Manager, Boys and Girls Club.

The skate park here was built last year after members of the community voiced their concern about children not having a designated area to skate.

"The community was very concerned for the safety of children who were skating in the fire lanes, around the towers and in the street," said Cindy McGarvie, Coordinator, MCCS, here. "They came together and educated Col Puckett, who pushed for the parks."

After several town-hall meetings, with skaters showing up in "legalize skateboards" T-shirts to help voice their view on the skate park issue, officials decided to have a skate park built here.

"Since the skate park opened it has been utilized quite often and we have had no serious problems with children skating anywhere except at the park," McGarvie said.

"With the skate park's first summer coming up, it will be interesting to see how heavily it will be utilized," McGarvie said.

This summer, skaters will not only have the skate park here to do their flips and spins on, but they will also have the other two parks which are planned to be completed before the end of the school year.

For more information on the contest contact your local Boys and Girls Club.



LCpl Ben J. Isgar, Military Policemen, Headquarters Detachment, MSSG-31, slides across one of the grind rails at the skate park on Camp Kinser. Island skaters are being asked to find a name for the park.

## SAFETY ZONE

### Stay on Guard

Why is safety awareness so important to Marines? Because accident victims' preoccupation with something other than their safety is a major factor in many mishaps that are sometimes frequently labeled "freak accidents."

One of the most dangerous things that you can do is let your guard down by becoming preoccupied with other things and losing your situational and safety awareness. When you become lost in thought, you lose your safety awareness. You've let down your defenses against possible mishaps and personal injuries. When you're preoccupied and have lost your safety awareness, you may as well be blind and deaf and "playing in the median at rush hour."

How can you detect that preoccupation has reached the point that you've become easy prey to hazards or hazardous conditions? Yours and your

Marines' best defense is through Operational Risk Management (ORM). And no, managing your risk is not a reason not to train! In fact, "Managing" your risk will allow you to train more effectively and that will result in you and your Marines being more mission capable!

Whether you are leading or being lead, before you make your first step past the "line of departure," it is your responsibility to ask yourself:

(1) Is everyone thinking Operational Risk Management (ORM)?

(2) What are the inherent dangers of this training evolution/maintenance process/etc?

(3) What training procedures or safety precautions can we take (in advance) that mitigates the potential hazards of the upcoming evolution?

Remember, if you injure your Marines or yourself or destroy your equipment in practice, someone else will be playing come Game time.

Make Operational Risk Management a matter of habit and you can ensure that you and your Marines are playing on Game day.

## Skaters get new parks

SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP FOSTER** — Two new skate parks are scheduled to open on Okinawa early this summer.

The recreational parks, purchased by Marine Corps Community Services, will be installed on tennis courts here and on Camp Courtney, according to Damon Durham, Engineering Technician, Facilities Maintenance Branch, MCCS.

"The parks have been put on a ship and are on their way," Durham said. "When they arrive, we will get them in place as quickly as possible."

The park here will be located on the tennis court next to the Foster Boys and Girls Club. The skate park on Camp Courtney will be near the towers, Durham said.

Once open, the new skate parks will be available to service members, Department of Defense civilians and their families.

"These parks are for recreational use and are by no means competition quality," Durham said. "The ramps are not 30-foot drops like you see on TV. They are smaller for the kids to learn on and enjoy safely."





## NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for April 15-21.

### • Underage drinking

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

A private first class with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1 and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A lance corporal with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-361, 1st MAW, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

Two privates first class with Combat Assault Battalion, 3d Marine Division, were found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$272 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

A lance corporal with 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d MarDiv, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2 and restriction for 45 days.

A lance corporal with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A private first class with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Iwakuni, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$521 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

### • Drunk and disorderly conduct

A sergeant with 3d Recon Bn, 3d MarDiv, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months and restriction 45 days.

A lance corporal with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-12, 1st MAW, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

### • Possessing hard liquor in the barracks

A lance corporal with MAIS-12, 1st MAW, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of possessing hard liquor in the barracks. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

## CHAPELS

The following lists the times for religious services available at the specified camps or bases. Contact the local chapel to verify religious services start times.

### MCAS Futenma Chapel (636-3058)

#### Roman Catholic

Daily Mass; 11:45a.m.

Sunday Mass; noon

#### Protestant

Sunday Service; 9 a.m.

#### Muslim

Futenma Zuhr (Monday-Friday); 12:30 p.m.



SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS

## Dropping in

Sgt Riayan A. Tejada, Infantryman, Co C, Battalion Landing Team 1/5, completes an inverted rappelling technique during training at Camp Hansen April 18. The Marines of Co C, BLT 1/5, practiced their rappelling skills before having to use them from a helicopter later in the day. "It's important that our Marines have full confidence in their abilities to rappel before doing it from a helicopter," said 2ndLt Alexander E. Gilbert, Platoon Commander, Co C, BLT 1/5. "It's also important for us to be proficient at rappelling as it may be the only way to insert our Marines on a landing zone which is too small for a helicopter to land in."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Road Tax Due

Phase II for service members to pay their annual Japanese Road Tax begins Tuesday. Tax collection sites will be available on seven military locations. All taxes must be paid in Yen.

Military Police at the tax payment locations will verify a valid Japanese title, military registration and 2001 road tax receipt before the old road tax sticker is replaced.

Phase II tax rates are:

Passenger cars, vans and trucks with category license 44, 400, 51-59, 77, 78, 500, and 501 with engine displacements between 660cc and 2,000cc pay ¥7,500.

Passenger cars with license 33 and 300 with engine displacements between 2,000cc and 4,500cc pay ¥19,000 and cars in excess of 4,500cc pay ¥22,000.

Special use vehicles with category license 11, 100, 88, and 800 pay ¥32,000

Payment location dates and times:

May 1-2

Courtesy Theater; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May 7, 11

Keystone Theater; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May 14-15

Kinser Theater; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May 16-18, 21-25

Foster Field House; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May 29

Hansen Theater; 9:30 a.m. to noon, 1-3:30 p.m.

May 30-31

Torii Station Gym; 9:30 a.m. to noon, 1-3:30 p.m.

Question concerning the tax collection may be directed to the Joint forces Vehicle Registration Office at 645-7481/3963.

Games at the Sports Festa will include: beach soccer, three-on-three basketball and beach volleyball. Beach soccer is a five-person team event and beach volleyball is a four-person team event. Coed teams are acceptable in beach soccer and three on three basketball. Volleyball teams must combine two men and two women on a each team.

All sporting events have a ¥5,000 participation fee. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners (first prize ¥150,000, second prize ¥50,000, third prize ¥10,000) of each event.

### Charity Golf Tournament

The Camp Foster and Camp Lester Association is hosting a charity golf tournament May 9 at Awase Golf Course.

Participants must sign up by May 1. The tournament is a four-man scramble game format with a shotgun start at noon. Players must pick their own four-man teams.

The tournament costs \$30 and includes tournament entry, greens fees, and cart rental. No-shows are not refundable. Non-SOFA personnel pay normal green fees plus a \$10 tournament entry fee.

For more information, sign-up and to purchase entry fee tickets early call 645-3813/5389.

### Spring Choral Concert

The Kubasaki concert and jazz choirs are scheduled to perform a Spring Choral Concert at the Kubasaki Auditorium May 10 at 7 p.m.

Admission is free and the community is invited to attend.

For more information contact Jeff Pellaton, Vocal Music Director, Kubasaki High School at 645-0252.

### Sports Festa in Chatan

The first Sports Festa in Chatan competitions are scheduled for May 5-6 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Araha Park (beach side of Hamby Town Shopping Mall.)

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# Regrets about leaving Corps

Well I am finally settled into the land where gas is \$1.18 a gallon, strangers wave, and all roads are composed of only two lanes. Let me begin by first saying it's not all that its cracked up to be. I wish I could tell that to everyone that I have ever heard talk bad about the Marine Corps.

I arrived back in Ohio in late December anxious to start what I thought would be an awesome job. A long-time family friend had offered this job, which equated to a better "financial job" than the Corps. You can imagine my surprise when I found out that he didn't hold the position for me.

No big deal, I can get unemployment, right? I figured that would be easy cash. Wrong again.

Three months later, I still have not received a dime of money from unemployment.

Around the middle of January, I set out to acquire a full-time job, probably secretarial, but not necessarily.

After I took some job skills tests, I learned that I had become proficient with the office job skills that I had acquired in the Corps. I soon learned that the job market out here, in the real world, is quite harsh.

After several disappointments at the lack of jobs available, I settled for Sprint, the largest telecommunications company in the nation. Here, I work 40 hours a week, am considered part-time, and get paid a whole \$9 an hour. Not too bad, right?

I don't receive any medical, dental, or life insurance. No days off, no paid vacation plan and a paycheck that translates into roughly \$1,200 a month. And the worst thing about this job is that it lacks everything the Corps holds in abundance;

sense of belonging (the big one), camaraderie, trust, reliability, fairness, pride, and organization (another big one).

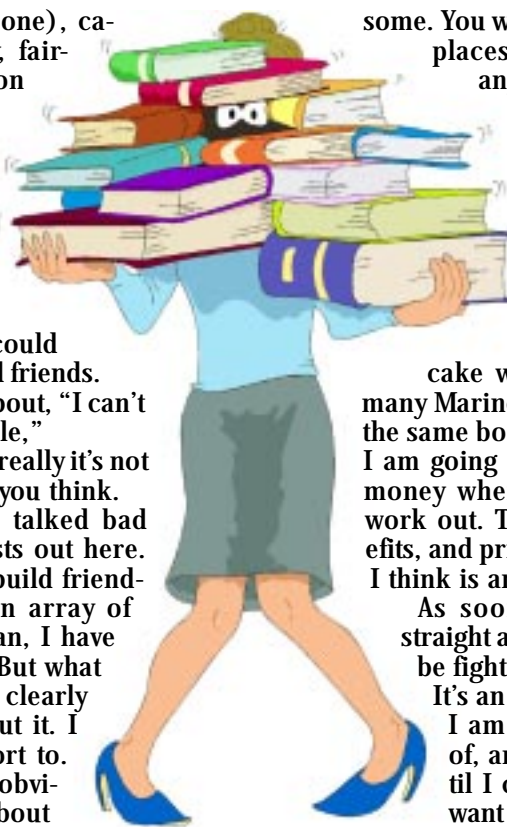
I have realized that leaving the Marine Corps is not the smartest decision I have ever made, but by far, the biggest mistake I have ever made. Live and learn? Maybe, but a hard lesson.

So this is my plea. I wish I could be there to talk to all of my old friends. Everyone that always talked about, "I can't wait to get out of this hell hole."

I would plead to them that really it's not even a percentage as bad as you think.

Of course, everything we talked bad about as young Marines exists out here. Only out here it's harder to build friendships that leave you with an array of people to talk to. As a civilian, I have problems in the workplace. But what I don't have is someone that I clearly know who I can talk to about it. I don't even know who I report to. Something a Marine would obviously never say. And forget about getting anything done as a team. What a cluster! Organization is a word that most of these people lost the spelling bee on.

One of the biggest differences of this job environment and the Marine Corps is the lack of higher ups to care about us lowly pigeons. I have seen in the Corps alone, Marines pulling together to help one single Marine out. That is just awe-



some. You won't be able to find too many places out here that would help anyone like that.

To close, I really don't know what to say. Marines never listen to someone that has been there, when it comes to the end of their active service. I'll be the first to admit, I didn't either.

I thought it would be a cake walk. And I can think of so many Marines that are claiming to be in the same boat as me. I have a friend that I am going to work for making all this money when I get out. It just doesn't work out. To beat the money and benefits, and pride of being a Marine is what I think is an impossible task.

As soon as I get my life on the straight and narrow, you can bet I will be fighting to get back in the Corps.

It's an awesome organization, that I am proud to have been a part of, and I will never be happy until I can get myself back there. I want to thank everyone at the Provost Marshal's Office, including

yourself, that made my past three years nothing short of the greatest experience of my life. Take care.

*This is a letter from former LCpl. Crystal Stallard to her former Staff Noncommissioned Officer at the Camp Pendleton Provost Marshal's Office.*

## What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: [editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil)

### Knowing the problem

You share a room in the barracks with LCpl Bilk. He is a total 'barracks rat' and he spends most of his time watching television and playing video games. You never have any privacy because he's always there.

You've tried to get him to go out with you and hang out with some other Marines in the section, but he seems to be permanently attached to the chair in front of the television. LCpl Bilk is a decent Marine and he has never given you any grief.

Whenever you hear him on the phone with his friends back in the States, you often hear him say things like "the sooner you get here, the sooner you leave" or "I feel like I'm in Hell."

One day he confides in you that he has been thinking about going on leave and not coming back. What do you do?

### What the Marines said

**Lance Corporal with MCB:** "I'd tell him that's just stupid and if he made it this long here then he can stick it for the rest of his time."

**Lance Corporal with 3dMarDiv:** "If he did go UA I would at least get the room for myself. My life is too short to room with an idiot. Let him go and get a new roommate. Me and the Corps would be better off without him."

**Private first class with 3dFSSG:** "I didn't come half way around the world to play video games. No one can stop him if he wants to go UA, but I would ask the chaplain to talk to him."

### What the Chaplain said

The most insightful Marine in this scenario is the private first class from 3d FSSG. A bit more upbeat about being assigned to a foreign country, he hints that making decisions to try different things, visit different places on island, and experience the unique culture of Okinawa can be the beginning of a more positive experience for not only our young LCpl Bilk, but also all of us. None of us should come halfway around the world to get stuck in a rut. Whatever our favorite "rut" may be, or however comfortable it makes us feel, it is still a "rut."

When a person believes that he has only one option to remedy his current situation, in this case, going UA, he has unfairly limited himself. Since the Marine really hasn't violated the UCMJ (he hasn't gone UA) this chaplain believes that being a "buddy" to a fellow Marine is still an "in-thing." If I were the roommate, I would make a sincere and continuing effort at trying to involve LCpl Bilk in other activities.

Asking the chaplain to check on LCpl Bilk might be valuable especially if I became more convinced that LCpl Bilk was really going to go UA. Between having a good roommate and an interested chaplain, LCpl Bilk might find a few more options to his dilemma.

- Navy Capt Thomas Dansak, Chaplain, 1st MAW



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## Support Marines get a taste of training

# In the field

Story and photos by PFC Damian McGee

**CAMP SCHWAB** — Marines assigned to a headquarters company normally support line companies when they participate in exercises. Headquarters and Service Company Marines from Combat Assault Battalion, 3d Marine Division, recently traded their support role to conduct an exercise of their own.

The H&S Co Marines have not participated in an exercise like this one for at least three years, according to 1stLt Michael S. Lorence, Commanding Officer, H&S Co, CAB.

"The Marines from this company are always in a position where they have to support other training missions," 1stLt Lorence said. "For that reason we are not able to do a lot of training ourselves. Most of these Marines have not done any type of field exercise since Marine Combat Training."

The infrequency of this type of training caused the company to ensure it had very clearly defined mission statements for this exercise. According to 1stLt Lorence, the training fulfills semi-annual and annual requirements and allows the Marines to practice their missions in the field.

To meet the training requirements, the Marines completed gas chamber qualifications, practiced decontamination exercises, qualified with weapons, took a written skills test and fine-tuned their rifle sights on a mock firing range.

The strongest part of the exercise was the ability of the Marines to carry out their responsibilities in the field while maintaining the aspect of a headquarters company, according to MSgt Paul E. Hancock, Company Gunnery Sergeant, H&S Co, CAB.

"When you're dealing with a line company, you can simply stop everything and move them to the field," MSgt Hancock said. "But, with a headquarters company, that is responsible for various other companies, it is hard to just pick up and move everyone to the field. When headquarters goes to the field, things have to be working in the field as well as in the rear."

While in the field, the Marines bring every aspect of their battalion with them, from supply to the armory. Most importantly, all the administrative duties are also being conducted in the field. This is crucial for the Marines to experience, according to 1stLt Lorence.

"We're doing what the executive officer calls 'cutting the electronic umbilical cord from the computer,'" 1stLt Lorence said. "We want these Ma-

rines to realize they can still perform their mission without the comfort of a desk and computer. Many of these Marines, because of the infrequency of these type of events, don't even realize they can do their jobs in the field."

Not only were the Marines able to perform their normal missions and take care of required training, but the Marines also worked on maneuvers and other combat-ready skills that they may have forgotten, according to 1stLt Lorence.

While in the field, the Marines also worked on things like movements, enemy encounters and other aspects essential to being combat ready.

"Through this exercise, the Marines will get more comfortable carrying their gear and manipulating their weapon," 1stLt Lorence said. "Also, because the various shops are intermingled throughout the platoons, the Marines are being given a chance to work with Marines they may not normally interact with."

Being able to work with other Marines was a highlight for those participating in the exercise.

"It's good to see we can work together in this type of environment," said LCpl Mark Williams, a Light Armored Vehicle Mechanic. "You can't teach Marines how to get along with one another. This is something that happens from learning about yourself and them and that's what this exercise has allowed me to do."



As part of the training, the Marines from CAB participated in a d



Marines spent time on a firing range in order to adjust the settin





decontamination exercise. Marines carefully decontaminated each other's clothing after a simulated chemical attack.



ings on their weapons.



LCpl Deundrey Dunn, Mechanic, CAB reviews his target after firing on the range.



# Civil engineer lives as part of MCAS Futenma's history

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SSGT JASON M. WEBB  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, FUTENMA** — In 1945, during the last stages of World War II, MCAS Futenma was in its infancy.

Originally established as an Air Force auxiliary landing field for B-29's headed for bombing raids on mainland Japan, the then 6,500-foot runway was merely a landing strip with no support facilities.

Today, it is nearly impossible to imagine the vast changes that transformed the air station through the last 56 years. The once simple airfield has turned into a 12,000-acre air station with a 9,000-foot landing strip and supports nearly 3,600 Marines and Sailors.

Over the years, many people worked and lived on the air station's hilltop location overlooking the East China Sea, but few stayed long enough to notice what projects and construction made the air station what it is today.

Even though many service members and civilians have come and gone, there is one man who witnessed the growing history here firsthand.



Flores

Benjamin Flores, 89, has more than 53 dedicated years of service with the U.S. Forces here. He is a Civil Engineer with Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Squadron and knows about every building, piece of wiring and every inch of concrete here.

In fact, every project, drawing and contract has to have his blessing before it becomes a permanent fixture like him.

"He was here and saw the first buildings built," said Col John M. Metterle, Station Commanding Officer. "He knows why things were built, their capabilities and their limitations. He also knows the reasons why things were done for a certain reason."

Even though his history spans five decades, it all started in 1945 when he was working near his home in Manila, Philippines, as a driver.

The Japanese Imperial Army was sweeping through the many islands and cities in a last-ditch effort to gain some ground to halt the American's advance.

During a regular sweep of Flores' hometown, Japanese soldiers forced the local Filipino men to line up in formation to be chosen for slave labor to defend against the enemy's approach. Flores was picked along with many others and put on a truck headed north to Luzon to perform manual labor.

Along the way, the Japanese soldiers with their prisoners fell under mortar attack by the American forces. Sensing that it was his only chance for freedom, he seized the moment of chaos to make his escape into the dense forest surrounding the road to Luzon.

A week came and went as Flores survived by living off the land and drinking fresh water from hanging vines. He continually moved through the thick, hilly rainforests heading south. After a few close calls with random Japanese soldiers, Flores recalls coming across a line of Japanese and Americans fighting in the jungle.

"I discovered the Japanese line in front of me, and down about a mile-and-a-half were the Americans," Flores said with a slight grin. "In between was no-man's land. I thought to myself, 'how can I get to the American line?' The no-man's land was nothing but



Benjamin Flores, Civil Engineer, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Squadron, is a 53-year, dedicated civil service employee. The 89-year-old first started working for U.S. Forces in 1947 and has been an employee of MCAS Futenma since 1960.

low hills, and you could see the dead animals and caribou because all the grass was burned from the fighting."

Flores figured that he could not stay there with the Americans so close, so he made the decision to sneak around the Japanese lines in hopes of being saved by the American soldiers.

"Boy, they (Japanese) spotted me and they started shooting. The bullets missed me, but they were close," Flores said flipping his ear, imitating a bullet whizzing by. "When I finally got out of range they started using mortars. Can you believe that — mortars just for one guy? I could hear the mortars coming in, so I would flop down and then get up and run again. Finally when I was out of their range, mortars came from the other side."

Flores eventually made it close enough to the American line to be greeted by a group of soldiers pointing their weapons at him. At first they mistook him for a suicidal Japanese soldier rushing their perimeter, but they quickly figured out he was unarmed.

"They took me in, but said they were going to interrogate me. They said don't try to escape, or we are going to shoot you," Flores added.

Soon after he was safely behind the American line, he began impressing the soldiers with his English and his knowledge of the terrain. Since he was a school-trained civil engineer and he knew his way through the jungle. He showed the soldiers where the Japanese formed their lines of defense on their maps.

Flores gained the trust of the Americans so much that within a few days they put him in a jeep and took him 200 miles back to Manila.

When he got back to Manila, the Japanese had been forced out and more and more Americans soldiers were patrolling the city streets.

Wanting to work with the Americans again, Flores began various engineering jobs with an anti-aircraft battery 60 miles north of Manila until they dissolved later in the year. The choice to help out the Americans in late 1945 was a decision that would forever determine his path in life.

During his stay with the battery he befriended an officer who tipped him off to a job aboard ship. When Flores arrived at the port, he saw that his friend was transferred to the same place and offered Flores an engineering job on the spot. He worked for two years

aboard the ship, and in 1947 he requested assignment to another ship headed for Okinawa.

From 1947-1955, he worked on various tankers and landing ships in the ports around Okinawa, but he wanted to get back to his roots as a civil engineer.

In 1955, he applied for and got a job with the Army engineers as a building inspector. He worked for five years with them, but found out he would lose his job because of downsizing, so he applied for a public works position at what was called "Marine Air Facility, Futenma."

It was in 1960 that he started his long stay here.

According to Flores, a father of eight children, 36 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, there wasn't much to the station when he first arrived. The Navy Seabees had built about two or three buildings and rebuilt part of the airstrip, but most of the station facilities were all located in one building.

In 1972 he once again changed jobs when he became a staff civil engineer here when the public works office moved to Camp Foster. The air station was growing by leaps and bounds, but he still found the time to teach service members about the local culture by serving as the only tour guide here from 1960 to 1980. It was a part-time job that only paid \$2 an hour and sometimes expanded to 15 different tours in one weekend.

Over the many years of constant construction, he watched the facilities grow to better service the constant influx of aircraft and personnel by placing his personal approval on each facility.

"A lot of times we bring things to him and he will say, 'I hear you sir, but this is not a good idea because back in 1972, we investigated it and tried it but it didn't work,'" Col Metterle said. "He has probably heard every idea that has ever been thought of, and that is why he is such a valuable asset."

Even though Flores has served more than half his life working for the country he adopted in 1980 by becoming a U.S. citizen, he doesn't foresee any retirement plans.

"At this point in my life I don't see the use of retiring. I enjoy working, and at this point my benefits wouldn't be worth it," Flores said.

"As I think back to my previous tours and especially my first tour here, I remember Ben," added Col Metterle who has served three tours here in the 80's, 90's and 2000. "He is one of the guys who made this place what it is today. He probably had more influence over the years than the 22 CO's that commanded here. His stamp is indelible. It will never go away."





SGT ERIC MCLEROY  
Cpl Fabio Rivas Mejia, Weapons Platoon, Co G, BLT 2/1, gives a local child a toy that he brought with him from the *USS Boxer*. Marines and Sailors from the 11th MEU (SOC) and Boxer Amphibious Ready Group took part in several community and humanitarian assistance projects as part of U.S. Support Group East Timor recently. East Timor gained its independence nearly two years ago and is recovering from the militia-led violence that followed.

# Supporting the path to independence

## Marines, Sailors provide humanitarian assistance to battle-scarred country

SSGT DONALD E. PRESTON  
11TH MEU PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**DILI, East Timor** — The 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and Boxer Amphibious Ready Group arrived here recently to begin three days of humanitarian and civic assistance to support East Timor's transition toward independence.

In concert with the U.S. government's ongoing commitment to East Timor, more than 350 Marines and Sailors deployed daily to several locations in East Timor to conduct medical and dental assistance, delivery of humanitarian supplies and assist in community improvement projects around the island.

For nearly two years, East Timor was beset by civil strife after a vote for independence from Indonesia spurred members of various militia groups to incite violence through-

out the country. As forces looted and torched homes and businesses and killed innocent civilians, thousands of East Timorese fled from their homes into the mountains and across the border into neighboring West Timor.

To restore order and facilitate humanitarian assistance, the United Nations established International Forces, East Timor (INTERFET) to halt the violence in East Timor.

Once order was restored, INTERFET was replaced by the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor, created to assist East Timor in its transition to self-government. Additionally, United States Support Group East Timor (USGET) was created to coordinate activities of U.S. Forces rotating through the area with UNTAET and its military Peace Keeping Forces.

Currently commanded by Air Force Col Steven E. Hoarn, the USGET staff of 12 personnel drawn from the Marines, Navy, Air Force and Army, provides the vital framework for units such as 11th MEU (SOC) and the Boxer ARG. "With the arrival of the 11th MEU and

Boxer ARG, we will engage in the largest most aggressive three-day program my staff has ever encountered," Col Hoarn said. "It proves that the vision for USGET to leave a big and positive footprint despite not having a large permanent presence is possible."

The footprint brings with it the 11th MEU (SOC) and Boxer ARG's ability to provide needed medical and dental care, the tools and expertise for construction projects and the aircraft to move needed supplies and donated goods to isolated areas throughout East Timor.

Before the three ships of the Boxer ARG arrived in East Timor, 11th MEU (SOC)'s medical and dental personnel, assigned to the forward command element arrived to provide initial care to East Timorese

patients on the island.

"It's a unique opportunity for us to be here because there is so little medical care available in East Timor," Navy LT Marc H. Seidman, general medical officer, Battalion Landing Team 2/1. "We've shown up in villages without medical care available. We've seen untreated malaria, tuberculosis and even leprosy. Hopefully our visit will make a difference for some of these East Timorese people."

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- Navy LT Marc H. Seidman

Medical and dental care expanded to three clinics in Dili and one on the eastern end of East Timor in the town of Los Palos. During the three-day period doctors treated 900 patients, dentists 243. More than 160 eyeglasses were prescribed and donated.





SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS  
LCpl Daniel E. Ocasio, Intelligence Clerk, H&S Co, 3/7, plays a game with Dai Miyasato, a Kushi Nursery School student, during a recent visit to the school.

## Child's play

SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**HENOKO, Okinawa** — Marines and Sailors from Camp Schwab reached out to Kushi Nursery School here recently, in the first of what they hope will be many visits.

"We are always looking for new ways to reach out to and be involved with the communities surrounding Camp Schwab," said Fumio Iha, Community Relations Specialist, Camp Schwab. "When the school expressed interest, we jumped at the chance to interact with the children."

The 10 Marines and Sailors, participating in the Unit Deployment Program from Twentynine Palms, Calif., came to see, sing, dance and play with the school's 72 students. Though some of the Marines were nervous about interacting with the children, all had a great time,



SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS  
Higiri Gishitomi, 4-year-old student at Kushi Nursery School, gets a piggy-back ride from 1stLt Chris W. Rogers, Assistant Logistics Officer, H&S Co, 3/7, during a recent visit to the school by a group of 3/7 Marines and Sailors.

according to 1stLt Chris W. Rogers, Assistant Logistics Officer, H&S Co, 3d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.

"I didn't really know what to expect when we left to come here, but the kids were great," 1stLt Rogers said. "Everyone had a wonderful time."

Not only were the Marines having fun, but the students also had a blast, according to Chieko Matayoshi, Principal, Kushi Nursery School.

"The children really love having the Marines here," Matayoshi said. "Everyone is laughing and playing and there are smiles all around."

The trip to the school also brought back memories

of home for one of the Sailors.

"These children remind me of my 2-year-old little girl," said PO3 Nikki M. Craig, Corpsman, H&S Co, 3/7. "So it brings back good memories from home."

As the 90-minute visit drew on, the children became quite attached to the Marines and didn't want them to leave. The Marines wanted to stay longer as well, and also looked forward to visiting the school again.

"These kids are awesome," said LCpl Daniel E. Ocasio, Intelligence Clerk, H&S Co, 3/7. "I hope I get to come back here again during our tour here."

## Egg hunt draws out Easter Bunny

LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP KINSER** — Small feet raced around a soccer field here as children competed to see which one could collect the most Easter eggs.

Children aged, 3-12, celebrated Easter early with their families at the Boys and Girls Club here with a cook-out, egg hunt and Easter basket give away.

"We had 6,000 eggs for all the kids," said Silia Griffin, Assistant Manager, Boys and Girls Club. "It took seven employees and a couple of days to fill all the eggs with candy."

The Easter egg hunt was not originally just for the children. It was for the whole community, but the rain caused a few alterations to the activities. All activities, except the egg races for the children 6 and older, were moved inside.

"We invited the whole community to come out and participate," Griffin said. "But because of the rain, we didn't get the turnout we were expecting."

While inside the club, the children and parents sat down and enjoyed their lunch while counting the colorful eggs and waiting to see who was going to win the big Easter basket.

After the eggs were collected, everyone gathered around for the Easter basket giveaway where the club



LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT  
Kori Williams, Volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club, helps Kelci McClary-Davis, 2, count her eggs during the Easter egg hunt.

gave more than 20 prizes including an Easter basket with a two-foot-tall blue Easter bunny. Kelci McClary-Davis won the big bunny.

"The bunny is bigger than she is," said Kelci's father, Sgt Bruce W. McClary-Davis.

The Easter egg hunts, as well as other holiday activities, are common for children at the Boys and Girls Club.

"We always try to do something for the children during the holidays," Griffin said. "We are also planning [an event] for the Fourth of July."

"Celebrating the holidays really helps the children feel at home," Griffin said. "[Holidays] also give them a reason to have fun."

## Reaching out to help communities

CPL MATTHEW E. HABIB  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP MU JUK, Korea** — During their deployment here for the Korean Incremental Training Program, the Marines and Sailors of Marine Air Ground Task Force-17 embarked on many operations, some rewarding to the heart and spirit.

During the two months serving in the area, the MAGTF Marines and Sailors combined forces and completed more than 450 man-hours of volunteer work for their Korean neighbors.

Navy IIs Steven L. Dundas and Curtis Price, Chaplains, coordinated and led four separate groups of 50 Marines and Sailors during a project to reroute a 300-yard sewage line and to paint the Suk Buing Home. The home houses more than 55 handicapped and elderly residents.

While rerouting the sewage line from the home out to the ocean, the Marines and Sailors dug the 3-foot deep, 300-yard long ditch through rock fill, solid rock and the long roots of heavy pine trees.

"The closer we dug into the beach, the harder and rockier the ground became," said Pvt Nicholas L. Cox, Field Wireman, Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment. "It was hard work, but all the Marines pulled together. Before we knew it, we had done more

than anybody expected us to do in one day."

Though the Marines and Sailors started in the morning, by mid-afternoon they had already begun laying the pipe. Their quick work surprised those involved in planning the event. The volunteers completed 90 percent of the project by the end of the first day.

After the work, the Marines and Sailors met the residents of the Suk Buing Home. They bowed to the elders and shook hands, bringing smiles and praise for the Marines.

"The Korean residents were very happy that we were out there and helping them out," Pvt Cox said. "After we met the people and saw how happy we had made them, I felt very good for being able to help. I've done a lot of different jobs in the Marine Corps, but this is one of the most fulfilling."

The MAGTF Marines and Sailors and ROK Marines combined their efforts to finish the project together. They also made some time to play with a group of children who gathered and were curiously inspecting their work.

"The kids were really fun to play with," said LCpl Sequoia A. White, Motor Transport Operator, Combat Service Support Detachment. "The Korean neighbors really showed us their support throughout our time helping out, and really showed their appreciation when we were done."





Shinobu Agariz rinses the mud off her face after play in the "Down and Dirty" Mud Volleyball Tournament.

## Down and Dirty Mud Volleyball

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT  
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA** – Players of the Enock team struggled against thick muddy water and tough competitors to win the fourth annual "Down and Dirty" Mud Volleyball Tournament over Team BIT 25-22, 27-25 here April 14.

Five teams splashed, ran and dove in the mud as the sun dried it to their skin while they played in the double elimination tournament open to teams islandwide.

"The muddy water was thick and it was hard to keep your balance," said Carl Levering, Enock coach and player. "The teams we play against gave us a good fight all the way to the end."

The teams played each game using the rally point system, where each serve resulted in a point for one of the teams. It took 25 points to win a game and two games to win a match.

As the teams finished playing each game, they slugged their way out of the volleyball pit to the fire hose to be rinsed.

"The second game went a little smoother than the first, and we didn't make as many mistakes," Levering said.

The Enock's played the BIT team halfway through the tournament and ended up beating them four times.

"We had a lot of fun getting dirty and we put up a good fight," said Chad Castle, BIT Coach and player.

Teams did not go away empty handed. First through third place teams received individual trophies provided by Marine Corps Community Services.

Players did not have to win the tournament to be able to have fun playing in the mud.

"Splashing around in the mud was fun and it didn't matter if we won any games or not," said Donovan Hansen, BIT player. "It would be great to come out here and do it again."

Players have the opportunity to come back to play in the mud again since the mud volleyball pit will stay open throughout the summer.

"The pit stays open during the summer months for unit use and picnics upon requests," said Clive Benhow, Sports Coordinator, Semper Fit, MCCS.

For more information about using the pit or making reservations call the Semper Fit Gym at 636-2674.

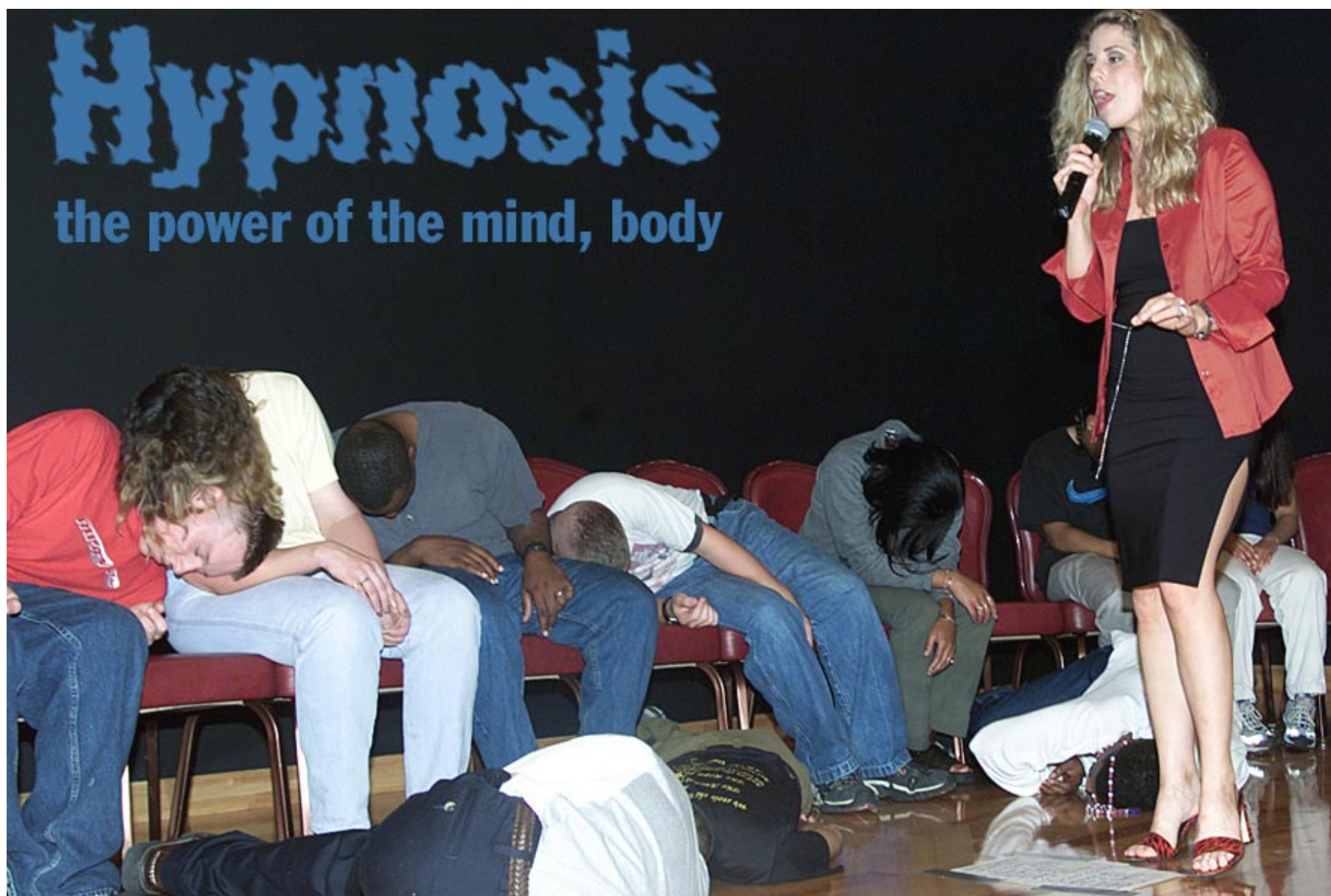


Toshiyuki Agariz, Aki team, returns a serve during the "Down and Dirty" Mud Volleyball Tournament.



Ed Mento, BLT team, dives for the ball during the "Down and Dirty" Mud Volleyball Tournament.





Military service and family members fall asleep while being hypnotized by De'Anna Nunez, Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, during her show recently at the Surfside Ballroom.

## Hypnotherapist performs for audiences, provides relief to smokers

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**CAMP KINSER** – De'Anna Nunez, a certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, showed service and family members the power of the mind, body and one's imagination. She even made a man believe he was giving birth.

On her second trip to Okinawa, Nunez gave her audiences many laughs while helping others to stop smoking through hypnosis.

She visited Camps Schwab, Hansen and Foster where she hypnotized audience volunteers and made some perform some silly actions during her show. She also performed a Smoke Free Rally seminar here March 20.

"I'm surprised it went so well," Nunez said. "It was originally suppose to be just the Smoke Free Rally (at Camp Kinser), but it was advertised as a regular show, so I decided to do both."

Nunez successfully hypnotized 12 volunteers from the audience during the regular show before the Smoke Free Rally.

"I always assure my volunteers that they will not be in a blackout, zombie-like state, and that I cannot make them do anything that is against their moral values," Nunez said.

Through the suggestions that Nunez gave them during hypnosis, the volunteers believed that they were sinking in quicksand, supermodels

on a runway and other characters.

"I kind of believed in hypnosis before the show, because my mom has been hypnotized," said Army Sgt Jennifer McKay who was hypnotized and believed she was Madonna.

"I really didn't remember anything except I felt like I was stuck to my chair for part of it," McKay added referring to the quicksand suggestion.

The hypnosis suggestions were so powerful for some that they did not even recognize their friends and family.

"She (Jennifer) walked by and didn't even notice me," said Army SSgt Allen McKay, Sgt McKay's husband.

The power of suggestion and a person's imagination can even be powerful enough to believe in the impossible. For one service member, Nunez suggested that he was the first pregnant man in the world.

"I didn't remember anything, but people told me what I did," said LCpl Mike Snook, Computer Programmer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base.

When the fun was over, Nunez placed the volunteers back under hypnosis and gave them positive suggestions that they could use for the rest of their lives.

"You will use your imagination in everything you do for the rest of your lives," Nunez said while speaking to

the hypnotized volunteers. "You will be driven to succeed in everything you do."

After Nunez's normal performance she took a short break and then went right into her Smoke Free Rally seminar where she attempted to hypnotize the 200 audience members.

She began by explaining what hypnosis is and how it works.

"Hypnosis is a natural activity of the right brain, and everyone has the ability to access its power," Nunez said.

She then she explained four steps the audience could follow to help them stay smoke-free. The four steps include feelings, responsibility, exercise and evaluation. The steps help by insuring that people who truly desire to quit smoking can spend the rest of the lives as nonsmokers.

"If they are there just because they want someone to stop nagging them to stop smoking, they will not allow themselves to be hypnotized because they really don't want to quit," Nunez said.

When she finished informing the audience of what they can do to help themselves, she placed the whole room under her spell. She continued to use her hypnotherapy through suggestions for the remainder of the show.

For more information on Nunez's hypnotherapy look on her website at [www.gethyp.com](http://www.gethyp.com).



Ashly Elliott, listens to her shoe, thinking it is a secret agent phone, and George Williams climbs on his chair thinking that there is a dog underneath biting at his ankles. Both were hypnotized after De'Anna Nunez gave them the suggestions.



LCpl Mike Snook, Computer Programmer, G-6, H&S Bn., MCB, believes he is giving birth after De'Anna Nunez gave him the suggestion during the show at the Surfside Ballroom.





**AUTOMOBILES/MOTORCYCLES**

**1988 Toyota Mark II** — JCI Apr 03, \$1,200 OBO. 645-7298.  
**1987 Toyota Town** — JCI Nov 02, \$1,000. 645-6450.  
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**1991 Toyota Lite Ace** — JCI Sep 02, \$2,200. 622-5416.  
**1991 Toyota Camry** — JCI Jul 02, \$2,200 OBO. Teddy, 636-4456.  
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**1989 Nissan Skyline** — JCI Mar 03, \$2,200 OBO. **1991 Nissan Bluebird** — JCI Feb 03, \$2,000 OBO. Marty, 622-6384.  
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**1988 Toyota Lite Ace** — JCI Jul 02, \$3,200 OBO. Jim, 646-4905.  
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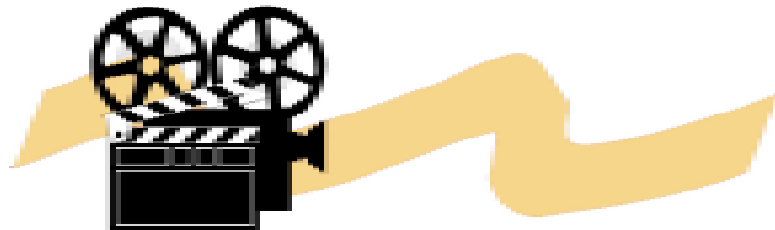


**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Misc.** — Dive console, \$75; weights, \$.75 per pound; UMUC Textbook PHIL140, \$25 OBO. Jim, 646-4905.  
**Misc.** — Transformers, 1000w, \$30; 2000w, \$60; dehumidifier, \$90; mountain bike w/gloves and helmet, \$700. 646-5389.  
**Misc.** — Weider Pro workout machine, \$225 OBO. 646-5537.  
**Misc.** — Large fish tank w/(2) piranha, \$100. 637-1030.  
**Misc.** — Blue couch, \$100; gas grill, \$50; Lawnmower, \$50; entertainment center, \$60 OBO. Doug or Marilou, 646-4176.  
**Pet** — FTGH 4-month-old white golden retriever. 090-8764-6504.  
**Misc.** — Digital camera, Fuji MX-2900Zoom all manuals and software included, \$400; Compaq flatbed scanner/copier/printer, \$250; Pioneer, AM/FM cassette car stereo, \$80; IBM scanner, \$70; IBM laser printer B/W, \$100. 926-1666.  
**Misc.** — (2) cans of blue paint, \$4; plant pots, \$3; Dinnerware set, \$35; assortment of men's and women's clothing. 622-8412.  
**Misc.** — Mini-stereo system w/speakers, \$50; bookcase, \$25; toybox, \$20; large kennel, \$20; movie bookcase, \$30. 646-5964.  
**Pet** — Beagle Terrier mix, FTGH, shots current. 632-3922.  
**Misc.** — Jade prism w/stand, \$300 OBO; (2) jade axes w/stand, \$100 OBO; 18 ounce wood pool cue w/tips and maddermit cue w/ red felt case, \$150 OBO. 646-3838 after 6 p.m.  
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**Schwab (625-2333)**  
**Fri** Antitrust (PG13); 7:00  
**Sat** Head Over Heels (PG13); 6:00  
**Sat** Valentine (R); 9:00  
**Sun** Head Over Heels (PG13); 3:00  
**Sun** Valentine (R); 6:00  
**Mon** Along Came a Spider (R); 7:00  
**Tue** Along Came a Spider (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Closed  
**Thu** Vertical Limit (PG13); 7:00

**Hansen (623-4564)**  
**Fri** Someone Like You (PG13); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sat** Someone Like You (PG13); 6:00, 9:00  
**Sun** The Wedding Planner (PG13); 2:00, 5:30

**Mon** Vertical Limits (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** Vertical Limits (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** The Gift (R); 7:00  
**Thu** The Gift (R); 7:00

**Courtney (622-9616)**  
**Fri** Along Came a Spider (R); 7:00  
**Sat** The Mexican (PG13); 7:00  
**Sun** Head Over Heels (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Antitrust (PG13); 7:00  
**Thu** Closed

**Keystone (634-1869)**  
**Fri** Head Over Heels (PG13); 6:30  
**Fri** Enemy at the Gates (R); 9:30  
**Sat** The Wedding Planner (PG13); 1:00  
**Sat** Enemy at the Gates (R); 5:00



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**Sat** Along Came a Spider (R); 9:30  
**Sun** The Wedding Planner (PG13); 2:00  
**Sun** Along Came a Spider (R); 5:30; 8:30  
**Mon** Exit Wounds (R); 7:00  
**Tue** The Gift (R); 7:00  
**Wed** Enemy at the Gates (R); 7:00  
**Thu** Enemy at the Gates (R); 7:00

**Butler (645-3465)**  
**Fri** Pokemon 3 (G); 7:00  
**Fri** The Gift (R); 10:00  
**Sat** Pokemon 3 (G); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sat** The Wedding Planner (PG13); 7:00, 10:00  
**Sun** Pokemon 3 (G); 1:00, 4:00  
**Sun** The Wedding Planner (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** The Wedding Planner (PG13); 7:00  
**Tue** The Gift (R); 7:00  
**Wed** The Gift (R); 7:00  
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**Futenma (636-3890)**  
**Fri** Finding Forrester (PG13); 7:30  
**Sat** Antitrust (PG13); 6:00  
**Sun** Head Over Heels (PG13); 6:00  
**Mon** Someone Like You (R); 7:30  
**Tue** Closed  
**Wed** Pokemon 3 (G); 7:30  
**Thu** Closed

**Kinser (637-2177)**  
**Fri** Valentine (R); 7:00  
**Sat** Vertical Limit (PG13); 3:00  
**Sat** The Wedding Planner (PG13); 7:00, 11:30  
**Sun** The Gift (PG13); 7:00  
**Mon** Closed  
**Tue** Vertical Limit (PG13); 7:00  
**Wed** Along Came a Spider (R); 7:00  
**Thu** The Gift (R); 7:00